

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-11. (CANCELLED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for communicating information between a vehicle having a vehicle appliance and a device located in a house, wherein the device is a personal computer connected to the Internet, the method for use with a garage door opener of a garage located in the vicinity of the house, the method comprising:

providing the vehicle appliance with a Bluetooth® enabled communications module;

providing the garage door opener with a Bluetooth® enabled communications module and a transceiver, wherein the communications module of the garage door opener and the communications module of the vehicle appliance are operable to wirelessly communicate with one another when the vehicle is located in the vicinity of the garage, wherein the ~~device~~ personal computer and the transceiver of the garage door opener are operable to wirelessly communicate with one another;

parking the vehicle in the garage; and

wirelessly communicating information between the vehicle appliance and the ~~device~~ personal computer via the communications module and the transceiver of the garage door opener;

wirelessly communicating information including vehicle diagnostics from the communications module of the vehicle appliance to the personal computer via the communications module and the transceiver of the garage door opener; and

using the personal computer to transfer the communicated information including the vehicle diagnostics to the Internet for access by a third party, wherein the third party is a vehicle service dealer.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 12 ~~13 wherein the device is a personal computer connected to the Internet, the method~~ further comprising:
using the personal computer to access information from the Internet; and
wirelessly communicating the accessed information from the personal computer to the communications module of the vehicle appliance via the communications module and the transceiver of the garage door opener.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for communicating information between a vehicle having a vehicle appliance and a device located in a house, the method for use with a garage door opener of a garage located in the vicinity of the house. ~~The method of claim 13 wherein the accessed information includes a custom vehicle horn sound;~~ the method further comprising:

providing the vehicle appliance with a Bluetooth® enabled communications module;

providing the garage door opener with a Bluetooth® enabled communications module and a transceiver, wherein the communications module of the garage door opener and the communications module of the vehicle appliance are operable to wirelessly communicate with one another when the vehicle is located in the vicinity of the garage, wherein the device and the transceiver of the garage door opener are operable to wirelessly communicate with one another;

parking the vehicle in the garage;

wirelessly communicating information between the vehicle appliance and the device via the communications module and the transceiver of the garage door opener;

using the device to access information from the Internet, wherein the accessed information includes a custom vehicle horn sound;

wirelessly communicating the accessed information from the device to the communications module of the vehicle appliance via the communications module and the transceiver of the garage door opener; and

transmitting a command from the vehicle appliance to a horn of the vehicle via a vehicle electrical bus in order to control the horn to blast sounds in accordance with the custom vehicle horn sound.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for communicating information between a vehicle having a vehicle appliance and a device located in a house, the method for use with a garage door opener of a garage located in the vicinity of the house. The method of claim 13 wherein the accessed information includes a custom turn signal sound; the method further comprising:

providing the vehicle appliance with a Bluetooth® enabled communications module;

providing the garage door opener with a Bluetooth® enabled communications module and a transceiver, wherein the communications module of the garage door opener and the communications module of the vehicle appliance are operable to wirelessly communicate with one another when the vehicle is located in the vicinity of the garage, wherein the device and the transceiver of the garage door opener are operable to wirelessly communicate with one another;

parking the vehicle in the garage;

wirelessly communicating information between the vehicle appliance and the device via the communications module and the transceiver of the garage door opener;

using the device to access information from the Internet, wherein the accessed information includes a custom turn signal sound;

wirelessly communicating the accessed information from the device to the communications module of the vehicle appliance via the communications module and the transceiver of the garage door opener; and

transmitting a command from the vehicle appliance to a speaker of the vehicle via a vehicle electrical bus in order to control the speaker to output a sound in accordance with the custom turn signal sound as a turn signal of the vehicle operates.

16-17. (CANCELLED)

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 12 ~~13~~ wherein the ~~device includes a~~ personal computer is connected to the Internet and a home security system, the method further comprising:

transferring, from the vehicle appliance to the personal computer via the Internet, a command to control the home security system;

wirelessly communicating the command from the personal computer to the transceiver of the garage door opener; and

wirelessly communicating the command from the transceiver of the garage door opener to the home security system in order to control the operation of the home security system in accordance with the command.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 12 ~~13~~ wherein the ~~device includes a~~ personal computer is connected to the Internet and a home lighting system, the method further comprising:

transferring, from the vehicle appliance to the personal computer via the Internet, a command to control the home lighting system;

wirelessly communicating the command from the personal computer to the transceiver of the garage door opener; and

wirelessly communicating the command from the transceiver of the garage door opener to the home lighting system in order to control the operation of the home lighting system in accordance with the command.